



Mr. Michael Walsh
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Dear Mr. Michael Walsh,

At present, the world economy is on a diversified development path, while still facing sluggish and imbalanced growth. The sudden outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic presents new and pressing challenges across sectors. In the meantime, with development of global economy, problems relating to technology, finance, food and logistics security are rapidly building up. The in-depth application of internet, AI, big data and other technologies brings new growth impetus while adding new variables to the economic development. In this context, topics aiming at promoting global economic development while maintaining security deserve further attention and discussion within the international community.

Co-hosted by Boao Forum for Asia (BFA) and the Government of Guangdong Province, The 1st *Global Economic Development and Security (GEDS) Forum of Boao Forum for Asia (BFA)* is going to be held on *September 27-29, 2020* in *Zhuhai*, Guangdong Province, China. In the meantime, exhibitions focusing on the *Development and Security of Global Digital Economy* will be carefully designed. Under the overarching theme of "*Nurturing a New Ecology of Global Economic Development and Security*", the GEDS will focus on cutting-edge issues of economic development and security and the linkage between with a view to promoting a sustainable and healthy global economy.

The conference is expected to attract around 1500 guests from home and abroad, including Chinese State leaders, Chinese and foreign high-level officials, business leaders and top-level scholars/experts from related sectors. Opportunities of closed-door dialogues between policy makers and business representatives and tour to exhibition center will be provided.

We sincerely invite you to attend the 1st GEDS conference. Meanwhile, we would also like to ask for your support regarding the following aspects:

1. Mobilizing members of Pacific Basin Economic Council to participate in the conference, including discussions at sub-forums, attending closed-door dialogues, roundtables and interviews etc..
2. Mobilizing members of Pacific Basin Economic Council to participate in the Global Digital Economy Development and Security Exhibition. The Exhibition is expected to be visited by Chinese and foreign high-level officials, provincial and municipal officials from the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and other parts of China.

Looking forward to your favorable reply. We believe together we could pool positive energy for a better and safer tomorrow.

Sincerely yours,

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